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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6334**

**BILL NUMBER: SB 88**

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 15, 2008

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Lake Management Work Group.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Meeks

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - 1<sup>st</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X **GENERAL**  
**DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill changes the expiration date for the Lake Management Work Group from July 1, 2008, to July 1, 2010. It allows the work group to hold four meetings per year. It makes conforming changes.

**Effective Date:** June 30, 2008.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The bill extends the Work Group for two years. Annual expenses for the group have been a little less than \$2,000. However, the bill provides that the work group may meet four times each year. Currently, the group may only meet three times a year. Increasing the number of times that the group can meet could increase annual expenses to an estimated \$2,670.

**Background.** The group consists of 26 members: 4 members of the General Assembly; 4 state employees; 2 federal employees; and 16 lay members. Members of the group who are not members of the General Assembly are entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses and other expenses incurred in connection with the group. Members who are members of the General Assembly are entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage, and travel allowances paid to legislative members of interim study committees. Reimbursements and per diem for legislative members must be paid from appropriations made to the Legislative Council or the Legislative Services Agency (LSA). For the past two years, LSA has paid \$1,750 to legislators.

The DNR must staff the work group and may contract with a facilitator. Per diem, mileage, travel allowances, and other expenses for non-legislative members must be paid from appropriations made to the DNR. For the

past two years, the only explicit expenses have been for travel reimbursement. Not all of the members have sought reimbursement, and not all members have attended all four meetings. DNR has reimbursed the members for travel costs when they have chosen to submit claims. The total that DNR has paid is \$1811.20, which does not include any costs incurred by the DNR or other state employees involved as members or in providing support to the work group. It is presumed that administrative costs associated with extending the group can be covered by existing DNR resources and staff.

The work group has met four times since it was statutorily reestablished in 2006. The group met on November 13, 2006; March 16, 2007; June 22, 2007; and October 3, 2007.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** DNR, LSA.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** DNR, LSA.

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